of the Hindustan Diamond Company Limited in February, 1978 and his terms of employment have been extended on three occasions.

**Diamond Park at Sachin**

992. SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Diamond Park coming up at Sachin was originally started as a Cooperative Society;

(b) whether it has been taken over by the new Corporation without convening the necessary General Body meeting of the Society and without passing the necessary resolutions;

(c) what are the names of the promoters of the new Corporation which has emerged as builder and procurer of machinery for the units coming up; and

(d) what are the names of the persons receiving the commission offered by the foreign suppliers of machinery?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. R. DAS MUNSHI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Diamond and Gem Development Corporation (DGDC) incorporated under the Indian Companies Act, 1956 has reported that it took over the assets and liabilities of the Park from the Diamond Development Co-operative Society Ltd. with effect from 1-3-1988 with the approval of and resolution by the General Body of the Society.

(c) The names of the promoters of the Diamond and Gem Development Corporation (DGDC) are:

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1. Sharma Nand Sharma
2. Sumaithangi Gopalam Srinivasan
3. Indu Gopal Jhingaran, IAS
4. Chandrakant Kahandas Thanawala
5. Krishnapuram Gopal Krishnan Ramanathan, IAS
6. Purshotam Jivraj Asoderia
7. Krishna Kumar Sharma.

(d) It is reported by DGDC that only one item, an electronic weighing machine, is imported and that the Diamond Processing Corporation Bombay, which is the agent of the foreign supplier gets the commission.

**Seminar on Gem and Jewellery export**

993. SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Gemmological Institute of India and the Forum of Indian Gemmologists had planned a seminar in Bombay on February 11, 1989 to discuss how productivity can be improved and costs can be reduced to boost exports;

(b) whether the Indian Diamond Institute, Surat which is financed directly and indirectly by the Central Government sabotaged this seminar by issuing threatening letters to Prof. G. G. Ray who was to be the main speaker; and

(c) what action Government have taken against those responsible for thwarting such export oriented seminar?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. R. DAS MUNSHI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Indian Diamond Institute, Surat has denied the allegation.

(c) Does not arise.

**Export of Shellac**

994. SHRI RAOOF VALIULLAH: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the export potential of Shellac (Lac) seeds and flakes; if so, the steps taken to promote the trade especially its export;